

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: #60

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SUBJECT(S): Event, BBI Improvement, CYBER BITS

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1. Upcoming Event:

- a. BRAC Business Initiative-In Progress Review (IPR) # 4
 - i. Date: 13 January, 8 AM to 10 AM
 - ii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2
Columbia, MD 21045-3728 (410) 730-4610
 - iii. Agenda:
 - Major Defense Contractor Presentation
 - In Progress Review
 - Networking Between BBI Partners before and after the presentations

2. Discussion:

- a. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) Improvements:
 - i. A member of our Executive Team and one of our Test Companies have recommended that we improve the opportunities for Test Companies to communicate with each other during this year long BBI process. We could not agree more! Starting in January (hold 25th at 8 AM), we will have a monthly meeting for Test Companies that have topics they want to bring forward. This will open up more “give and take,” all of which will be documented as part of the BBI process. More to follow on this subject.
 - ii. To all of our Partner and Test Companies, just to remind you that that the BBI Team is always available to meet with you to discuss specific issues or great ideas that you may have. Just get on the schedule and come right in. A number of your contemporaries have been doing this for several months.
- b. BBI Communications:

Communicating with over 3,500 people through the email is a challenge. Each time we send out a BRAC BIT as an attachment, we get around 100 messages kicked back, which is not too bad, unless you are one of those 100! We have nothing against other media, but find our current system best meets our needs. That said, we do no communications using LinkedIn. Of course we cannot control being the subject of such messages, but they are not part of our management or media communications systems. Questions on this subject, call Kent!

3. Cyber Bits:

Halted '03 Iraq Plan Illustrates U.S. Fear of Cyberwar Risk

It would have been the most far-reaching case of computer sabotage in history. In 2003, the Pentagon and American intelligence agencies made plans for a cyberattack to freeze billions of dollars in the bank accounts of Saddam Hussein and cripple his government's financial system before the United States invaded Iraq. He would have no money for war supplies. No money to pay troops. “We knew we could pull it off — we had the tools,” said one senior official who worked at the Pentagon when the highly classified plan was developed. But the attack never got the green light. Bush administration officials worried that the effects would not be limited to Iraq but would instead create worldwide financial havoc, spreading across the Middle East to Europe and perhaps to the United States..... By JOHN MARKOFF and THOM SHANKER, New York Times Published: August 1, 2009